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also note that because the instant rejection is tantamount to a rejection of the generic claims, the restriction requirement is appealable to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. *In re Haas I.*

Subject to the traversal set forth above, Applicants hereby make the following election: Group I; Hepsin; detection by assaying for expression of mRNA; localized prostate cancer. Claims that are readable upon the elected specie are claims 1-10.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for examination. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at 858-812-1539.

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